

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously Presented) The ring according to claim 16, further comprising:

a first central axis which connects a center of a bottom surface of said first ditch portion and a center of curvature of both an outer surface of said ring and an inner surface of said ring;

a second central axis which connects a center of a bottom surface of said second ditch portion and said center of curvature of both said outer and inner surfaces of said ring, wherein said first central axis is separated from said second central axis by an angle of approximately 180 degrees in order for said first ditch portion and said second ditch portion to be arranged so that when said ring is put on any finger of a hand of a wearer of said ring except a thumb and a little finger thereof in such a manner that said outer surface of said first stone is on a back of said hand of said wearer of said ring, said outer surface of said second stone is on a palm side of said hand of said wearer of said ring and not seen from said back of said hand of said wearer of said ring, and that when said ring is put on said any finger of said hand of said wearer of said ring except said thumb and said little finger thereof in such a manner that said outer surface of said second stone is on said back of said hand of said wearer of said ring, said outer surface of said first stone is on said palm side and not seen from said back of said hand of said wearer of said ring.

3. (Previously Presented) The ring according to claim 16, wherein said first stone is a diamond.

4. (Original) The ring according to claim 3, wherein said second stone is a sapphire.

5. (Original) The ring according to claim 3, wherein said second stone is a ruby.

6. (Original) The ring according to claim 3, wherein said second stone is an emerald.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The ring according to claim 18, further comprising:

a first central axis which connects a center of a bottom surface of said first ditch portion and a center of curvature of both an outer surface of said ring and an inner surface of said ring;

a second central axis which connects a center of a bottom surface of said plurality of second ditch portions and said center of curvature of both said outer and inner surfaces of said ring, wherein said first central axis is separated from said second central axis by an angle of approximately 180 degrees in order for said first ditch portion and said plurality of second ditch portions to be arranged so that when said ring is put on any finger of a hand of a wearer of said ring except a thumb and a little finger thereof in such a manner that said outer surface of said stone is on a back of said hand of said wearer of said ring, said initials are on a palm side and not seen from said back of said hand of said wearer of said ring, and that when said ring is put on any of finger of a hand of a wearer of said ring except said thumb and said little finger thereof in such a manner that said initials are on said back of said hand of said wearer of said ring, said outer surface of said stone is on said palm side and not seen from said back of said hand of said wearer of said ring.

9. (Previously Presented) The ring according to claim 18, wherein said stone is a diamond.

10. (Previously Presented) The ring according to claim 18, wherein said stone is a sapphire.

11. (Previously Presented) The ring according to claim 18, wherein said stone is a ruby.

12. (Previously Presented) The ring according to claim 18, wherein said stone is an emerald.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The ring according to claim 19, wherein ~~an exposed outer surface of at least one of said first stone and said second stone does not jut from the corresponding ditch portion of said first ditch portion and said second ditch portion~~ said band comprises a uniform thickness about an entire circumference of said band.

15. (Currently Amended) The ring according to claim ~~14~~ 16, wherein ~~an exposed outer surface of said first stone does not jut from said first ditch portion; and an exposed outer surface of said second stone does not jut from said second ditch portion~~ said band comprises a uniform thickness about an entire circumference of said band.

16. (Previously Presented) A ring comprising:

a band consisting essentially of a first portion, a second portion facing said first portion, and a third portion and a fourth portion each being between said first portion and said second portion, said first portion having a first ditch portion formed from an outer surface thereof toward an inside thereof, said second portion having a second ditch portion formed from the outer surface thereof toward an inside thereof, said first ditch portion and said second ditch portion facing each other;

a first stone fitted into said first ditch portion; and

a second stone which differs in material from said first stone and is fitted into said second ditch portion, wherein

an exposed outer surface of said first stone does not jut from said first ditch portion,

an exposed outer surface of said second stone does not jut from said second ditch portion,

said third portion and said fourth portion do not have any ditch portion and any stone arranged therein, and

only a single stone is fitted into said first ditch portion.

17. (Previously Presented) The ring according to claim 16, wherein only a single stone is fitted into said second ditch portion.

18. (Currently Amended) A ring comprising:

a band consisting essentially of a first portion, a second portion facing said first portion, and a third portion and a fourth portion each being between said first portion and said second portion, said first portion having a first ditch portion formed from an outer surface thereof toward an inside thereof, said second portion having a plurality of second ditch portions formed from the outer surface thereof toward an inside thereof and arranged separately from each other along said outer surface of said second portion; and

a stone fitted into said first ditch portion, wherein

an exposed outer surface of said stone does not jut from said first ditch portion,

said plurality of second ditch portions form a person's initials recognized when seen from above,

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said third portion and said fourth portion do not have any ditch portion and any stone arranged therein, ~~and~~

only a single stone is fitted into said first ditch portion, and

said band has a uniform thickness about an entire circumference of said band.

19. (Currently Amended) A ring comprising:

a band comprising a first portion, a second portion facing said first portion, and a third portion and a fourth portion each being between said first portion and said second portion, said band having a first ditch portion formed from an outer surface of said first portion toward an inside of said first portion, and a second ditch portion formed from an outer surface of said second portion toward an inside of said second portion, said second ditch portion facing said first ditch portion;

a first stone fitted into said first ditch portion; and

a second stone which differs in material from said first stone and is fitted into said second ditch portion, wherein

an exposed outer surface of said first stone does not jut from said first ditch portion,

an exposed outer surface of said second stone does not jut from said second ditch portion,

said third portion and said fourth portion do not have any ditch portion and any stone arranged therein, and

only a single stone is fitted into said first ditch portion.

20. (Previously Presented) The ring according to claim 19, wherein only a single stone is fitted into said second ditch portion.